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1. At the beginning of 1950, a new Infantry Division was activated in Burgas.

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the following component units:

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- a. The 24 Infantry Regiment, quartered in the northeastern section on Tolbukhin Street, south of the "Sea Park;"
- b. The 3 Anti-aircraft Regiment, activated in 1950, located four kilometers west on the farm of Kimon Georgiev, Minister of Electrification; [Redacted] 50X1-HUM  
observed this unit conducting exercises with anti-aircraft weapons in September 1950, and [Redacted] said it was a Regiment; 50X1-HUM
- c. A heavy Machine Gun Battalion, unit designation unknown, located in barracks in the center of the city on Georgi Dimitrov Square; [Redacted] 50X1-HUM
- d. An artillery Regiment, unit designation unknown, located in the Pyasetsite (the sands) quarter, near the Zavod Georgi Dimitrov and Gocho Ivanov lumber mill on the Burgas-Malko Turnovo highway; on various occasions [Redacted] observed near the barracks approximately 20 guns of unknown type and caliber with approximately 2-meter-long barrels; 50X1-HUM

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- e. An automatic Pistol Battalion, unit designation unknown, located in the former Police School barracks, 86 San Stefano Street, equipped with automatic pistols of unknown type and caliber of Soviet manufacture;

observed approximately 700 men drilling with automatic pistols;

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- f. Two Infantry Regiments, unknown unit designations, activated in 1950, located in Zvezdets village, Malko Turnovo District, and Grudovo (formerly Sredets) respectively;

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- g. A military Hospital which serves as the divisional hospital, located at the northern edge of the city on the Burgas-Aytos highway in a building constructed in 1950.

#### Anti-tank Road Blocks on the Burgas-Malko Turnovo Highway

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observed 11 anti-tank road blocks on the Burgas-Malko Turnovo highway. These consisted of three approximately 150-centimeter blocks, two of which were fixed and embedded on each side of the roadway, and the third mobile and placed alongside the highway in such a position as to slow up traffic. The first road block was at the 40 kilometer marker from Burgas. Although the distance between blocks varies, they are usually built where the highway runs between two steep rock sides, between a steep rock side and a precipice, or near bridges. Near the border the distances between road blocks decreases. observed similar road blocks in Hungary during World War II.

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#### Fortifications in Rosen Village

3. Zig-zag fortification lines and heavy machine gun nests have been constructed in Rosen, and unknown infantry units are currently constructing new fortifications around the village.

#### POL and Ammunition Depots

4. Both the POL and ammunition depots of the Burgas garrison are located in a forest known as Osmanli which is four kilometers north of Rosen, approximately 15 kilometers south of Burgas and approximately 500 meters from the Burgas-Sozopol and the Burgas-Tsarevo highways. The entire depot area is enclosed by barbed wire and guarded constantly by the military. Part of the storage facilities, of unknown number and type, are underground.

#### Special Militia Unit

5. A special motorized Militia unit, of unknown designation, is located at 11 Knyazhinya Rayna Street. The unit, which numbers 60 to 80 men armed with automatic pistols, has a fleet of six automobiles, for the suppression of any guerrilla, anti-Communist activities in the Burgas area.

#### Airfield at Sarafovo

6. A combined military and civilian airfield is located near Sarafovo village, approximately 15 kilometers northeast of Burgas. The airfield covers an area

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of two square kilometers, has no concrete runways, and consists of 12 military and two civilian hangars, the construction details of which were not known. Entrance to the field is unrestricted since the Bulgarian Civil Air Force uses the field as a regular passenger stop. [ ] at a para- 50X1-HUM  
chute jumping exhibition staged at the field by the DSNM (Dimitrovski Silyuz na Narodnata Mladezh; Dimitrov Union of the People's Youth) in August 1951 and attended by many people from Burgas and vicinity. On this occasion [ ] observed three double-wing training aircraft, one of which bore the name "Chayka" and another, "Slaveycho." [ ] noticed a number of single-wing aircraft tarpaulin-covered and parked three to a hangar. 50X1-HUM

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